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Examiner : Zachariah Lucas
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For : HUMAN MONOCLONAL ANTIBODY FAB FRAGMENTS
DIRECTED AGAINST HCV E2 GLYCOPROTEIN AND
ENDOWED WITH IN VITRO NEUTRALIZING
ACTIVITY

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In accordance with his duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, Applicant would like to direct the Examiner's attention to the following references which are listed below and on Forms PTO/SB/08B, attached hereto as **Exhibit A**. Each individual reference is further attached as **Exhibits 1-8**.

1. DIETZSCHOLD et al., "Delineation of putative mechanisms involved in antibody-mediated clearance of rabies virus from the central nervous system", Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci., USA, Vol 89, Pages 7252-7256 (1992). [**Exhibit 1**]

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3. LAVILLETTE et al., "Human Serum Facilitates Hepatitis C Virus Infection, and Neutralizing Responses Inversely Correlate with Viral Replication Kinetics at the Acute Phase of Hepatitis C Virus Infection", Journal of Virology, Vol. 79, No. 10, Pages 6023-6034 (2004). **[Exhibit 3]**
4. LAW et al., "Broadly neutralizing antibodies protect against hepatitis C virus quasispecies challenge", Nature Publishing Group, Pages 1-3 (2007). **[Exhibit 4]**
5. LOGVINOFF et al., "Neutralizing antibody response during acute and chronic hepatitis C virus infection", PNAS, Vol. 101, No. 27, Pages 10149-10154 (2004). **[Exhibit 5]**
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7. VIRGIN et al., "Antibody Protects against Lethal Infection with the Neurally Spreading Reovirus Type 3 (Dearing)", Journal of Virology, Vol. 62, No. 12, Pages 4594-4604 (1988). **[Exhibit 7]**
8. WOHLFART, Claes, "Neutralization of Adenoviruses: Kinetics, Stoichiometry, and Mechanisms", Journal of Virology, Vol. 62, No. 7, Pages 2321-2328 (1988). **[Exhibit 8]**

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If a telephone interview would be of assistance in advancing the prosecution of the subject application, Applicants' undersigned attorney invites the Examiner to telephone him at the number provided below. If any additional fee is required, authorization is hereby given to charge the amount of any such fee to Deposit Account No. 50-1891.

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